GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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LOSSES INCURRED BY DOMESTIC AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total losses incurred by each domestic airports in the country during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) the reasons for the losses; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to cut the losses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) and (b) :- Airports Authority of India is consistently making profit amounting to Rs.316.18 crores, 335.78 crores and 338.87 crores during the years 1997-1998, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 respectively.However the losses incurred at the Domestic airports during the above period amount to Rs.81.97 crores, Rs.132.02 crores and Rs. 149.57 crores respectively. The main reasons for losses are :-

(i) Airports are capital intensive and involve high cost of maintenance and basic services like fire ground equipments and installation etc. have to be maintained even if there are no flights; and

(ii) Lack of adequate number of flights result in drop of both traffic as well as non-traffic revenues.

(c):- Airports Authority ofIndia has decided to hand over non-operational small airports in the country to State Governments on mutually agreed terms and conditions for development and use for civil aviation purposes.